

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I have already read out the names of the officers and from there could be seen the community to which each officer belongs.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagappalli II—General*): Are not Mr. Ramamurthi and Mr. Muthuswami Tamilians?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: I think so.

MR. MANNAR GOPALAN NAIR (*Thiruvalla I—General*): ഭാസ്കരൻ നായരെ സ്റ്റേഷൻഡ്യൂട്ടിയിൽ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണെന്നു പറഞ്ഞല്ലോ. എന്തു സ്റ്റേഷൻ ഡ്യൂട്ടിയാണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

HON'BLE MR. A. ATCHUTHAN: ഓൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിൽ റൂറൽ റിവൈസ് ചെയ്യുന്നതിനാണ്.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : മി. രാമമൂർത്തിയെന്നയാണോ ഇപ്പോഴും ഓൻസ്പോർട്ട് ഡയറക്ടറായിരിക്കുന്നത് ?

MR. PRESIDENT : അതെ.

MR. K. A. MATHEW : അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ പരാതികൾ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണെന്നു കഴിഞ്ഞ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ പ്രസ്താവിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. എന്നാൽ അന്വേഷണത്തിന്റെ ഫലം എന്തായി എന്നു പറയുമോ? (There was no answer).

Improvement of paddy cultivation in the State.

81. MR. V. O. MARKOSE (*Kottayam III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Agriculture be pleased to State:

(a) whether any scientific research has been made by the University department of Research or any Government institution or officer for the improvement of paddy cultivation in the State;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what is the nature and what is the result of such research or researches;

(c) has any research been made with a view to improve the quality of paddy seed towards increasing production; if so what is the result of such research; and

(d) has any research been made towards making paddy plants proof against pests; if so, what is the result of such research?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH : (a) Yes. By the Department of Agriculture at the Paddy Farm, Nagercoil and at the Paddy Breeding Stations at Monkompuzha and Adoor.

(b) and (c) To evolve improved high yielding strains of paddy, fourteen improved strains have so far been fixed suitable to different localities.

(d) No.

MR. V. O. MARKOSE: May I know whether the people who are doing research are those who have had previous experience?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Yes.

MR. V. O. MARKOSE: May I know what their previous experience is?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: At present I claim notice.

MR. V. O. MARKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to appoint for research work men who have had previous experience in the line?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Certainly.

MR. V. O. MARKOSE: Will the Government consider the feasibility of getting down real experts from outside to conduct research in this matter?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: That will be seriously considered.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: May I know what happened to the work of the Economic Botanist at the Kayancolam station?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: I claim notice.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Is the Hon'ble Minister aware of the two varieties of paddy evolved there?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: Yes.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Then what is the fate of that? Is the department continuing the experiment with that or has that been given up?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: I will find out the matter.

Paddy Cultivation.

82. DR. M. O. CHERIYAN (*Devicolam—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) the total area suitable for paddy cultivation in Anjunad area viz. Natchivayal, Marayoor, Keelanthoor and Vattavada pakuthies in Devicolam taluk;

(b) the total area actually under paddy cultivation in the above pakuthies; and

(c) whether in view of the food shortage, the Government will take the necessary steps to bring the available area under cultivation?

HON'BLE MR. K. M. KORAH: (a) 29,57 acres.

(b) 14,05 acres.

(c) Yes.

Acquisition of lands.

83. MR. N. V. CHACKO (*Kunnathnad III—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Land be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints have been received from places in the Kunnathnad taluk and other parts, of attempts at acquisition of lands by the Government at the instance of third parties; and

(b) whether the Government are aware that such acquisitions caused untold hardship and irreparable miseries to the people in occupation or possession of such lands and that there are no unavoidable necessities or justifiable excuses for such evictions or acquisitions?